

## QuickAlerts Messages July 2016

### QuickAlerts – July 1, 2016

**Subject:** Modernized e-File Assurance Testing System (ATS) 1040NR Early Look Scenarios for Tax Year 2016/Processing Year 2017

The IRS is developing the Form 1040NR for the Modernized e-File system for Tax Year 2016. Early look versions of the five ATS scenarios are available on [Coming Soon to the MeF Program](#). The purpose is to provide the external customers with an opportunity to review and comment on the scenarios before the final posting.

Please provide any comments regarding the scenarios to the [MeF Mailbox](#) by July 8, 2016. Include “Early Look Form 1040NR Feedback” in the Subject Line.

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### QuickAlerts – July 8, 2016

**Subject:** ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on July 19, 2016

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held:

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

The conference begins at 3:00 Eastern Time

Dial-in: 1-877-369-5243 Passcode: 0506420# (Enter the access code on your telephone keypad, followed immediately by the # symbol to bypass system prompts)

You may join the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start. You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event.

To register for this event, use the following link:

[Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

This virtual session will focus on General Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Program topics. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a live question and answer period with IRS presenters.

You may use your computer speakers to listen to the webinar or use the teleconference number provided above. To avoid background noise, please do not use both the computer speakers and the teleconference number.

The presentation for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) Page prior to the meeting. An additional QuickAlerts message will be issued when the presentation is posted.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers and Issuers/Payers.

If you are a business owner, tax manager, employee benefits manager, health coverage provider, or software developer or transmitter, you can access and review the **Affordable Care Act Information Returns Corrections Process** video on the [IRS Video Portal](#).

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#### **QuickAlerts – July 12, 2016**

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System

The AIR System will be performing scheduled maintenance starting at 8:00 a.m. Eastern on July 16, 2016, through 7:59 a.m. Eastern on July 17, 2016.

The AATS and Production environments will be unavailable during the maintenance. Please refrain from accessing the AIR System for both the A2A and UI Channels during this time.

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#### **QuickAlerts – July 17, 2016**

**Subject:** Update: Scheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System

The AIR System scheduled maintenance will continue until further notice. A Quick Alert message will be sent when the system is operational.

The AATS and Production environments will be unavailable during the maintenance. Please refrain from accessing the AIR System using the A2A and UI channels.

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#### **QuickAlerts – July 17, 2016**

**Subject:** Extended Scheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System Completed

The extended maintenance for the AIR AATS and Production environments has been completed. The AIR system is now operational. All service requests are operational and production has resumed. Thank you for your patience and support.

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#### **QuickAlerts – July 18, 2016**

**Subject:** Update for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on July 19, 2016.

The July 19, 2016 (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) Presentation Materials have been posted on the [AIR Program Overview](#) Page.

The webinar is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a reminder, you must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#).

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

You may join the associated teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

**Dial-in:** 1-877-369-5243

**Event ID:** 0506420#

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#### **QuickAlerts – July 20, 2016**

**Subject:** Distribution of Modernized e-File (MeF) New Web Service Definition Language (WSDLs)

WSDLs for Tax Year 2016/Processing Year 2017 are now available.

The new WSDLs are scheduled to be installed in the MeF Test environment (ATS) in November 2016. They will also be required for MeF Production for Processing Year 2017.

As a reminder you should be using the "la.alt" (la.alt.www4) for ATS and "la" main" URL (la.www4) for Production environments.

WSDLs are available to valid software developers, transmitters or state users. To receive the new WSDLs send an email to [MeF Mailbox](#) with the following information: company name and ETIN.

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#### **QuickAlerts – July 21, 2016**

**Subject:** Extended Maintenance Window for the MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF scheduled maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

The system will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Eastern.

The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects the MeF Production and ATS Environments.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems during this period.

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### QuickAlerts – July 26, 2016

**Subject:** Technical- 1065/1065B and 1120/1120S/1120F Schemas and Business Rules are now available

Starting for TY2016/PY2017 Modernized e-File (MeF) schemas and business rules will be no longer be available through IRS.gov and will be delivered with a more secure and controlled process. Distribution will be through the Registered User Portal - eServices Secure Object Repository (SOR) for delivery to the software providers starting in mid-August. Software providers will use their existing eServices account to pick up the schema and business rules packages. The IRS will send QuickAlerts messages letting users know that the schema and business rule packages are in their SOR accounts and ready for pick-up.

The IRS understands the importance of getting the schemas and business rules distributed to the Software community as soon as they are ready so we will be using a manual process through the MeF mailbox until the automated solution is available.

The 1065/1065B and 1120/1120S/1120F schemas and business rules are available to Authorized Users listed on e-File applications for Software Developers and States. Please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, your Authorized User role and ETIN to request Forms 1120 or 1065 version 2016v1.0. These Schemas and Business Rules are not valid for MeF ATS or Production environments.

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### QuickAlerts – July 28, 2016

**Subject:** Form 1041 Schemas and Business Rules for Filing Season 2017

Starting TY2016/PY2017 Modernized e-File (MeF) schemas and business rules will be no longer be available through IRS.gov and will be delivered with a more secure and controlled process. Distribution will be through the Registered User Portal - eServices Secure Object Repository (SOR) for delivery to the software providers starting in mid-August. Software providers will use their existing eServices account to pick up the schema and business rules packages. The IRS will send QuickAlerts messages letting users know that the schema and business rule packages are in their SOR accounts and ready for pick-up.

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The 1041 schemas and business rules are available to Authorized Users listed on e-File applications for Software Developers and States. Please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, your Authorized User role and ETIN to request Form 1041 version 2016v1.0. These Schemas and Business Rules are not valid for MeF ATS or Production environments.

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### QuickAlerts – July 28, 2016

**Subject:** 94x Annual and 941x Quarterly Schemas and Business Rules are now available

Starting PY2017 Modernized e-File (MeF) schemas and business rules will be no longer be available through IRS.gov and will be delivered with a more secure and controlled process. Distribution will be through the Registered User Portal - eServices Secure Object Repository (SOR) for delivery to the software providers starting in mid-August. Software providers will use their existing eServices account

to pick up the schema and business rules packages. The IRS will send QuickAlerts messages letting users know that the schema and business rule packages are in their SOR accounts and ready for pick-up.

The IRS understands the importance of getting the schemas and business rules distributed to the Software community as soon as they are ready so we will be using a manual process through the MeF mailbox until the automated solution is available.

The TY2016 94x Annual and TY2017 941x Quarterly schemas and business rules are available to Authorized Users listed on e-File applications for Software Developers and States. Please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, your Authorized User role and ETIN to request Forms 94x Annual version 2016v1.0 and 2016v2.0 or 941 x Quarterly versions 2017v1.0 and 2017v2.0. These Schemas and Business Rules are not valid for MeF ATS or Production environments.

If you have any questions, please send them to the [MeF Mailbox](#).

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### **QuickAlerts – July 28, 2016**

**Subject:** Form 8849 Schemas and Business Rules For Filing Season 2017

Starting for TY2016/PY2017 Modernized e-File (MeF) schemas and business rules will be no longer be available through IRS.gov and will be delivered with a more secure and controlled process. Distribution will be through the Registered User Portal - eServices Secure Object Repository (SOR) for delivery to the software providers starting in mid-August. Software providers will use their existing eServices account to pick up the schema and business rules packages. The IRS will send QuickAlerts messages letting users know that the schema and business rule packages are in their SOR accounts and ready for pick-up.

The IRS understands the importance of getting the schemas and business rules distributed to the Software community as soon as they are ready so we will be using a manual process through the MeF mailbox until the automated solution is available.

The 8849 schemas and business rules are available to Authorized Users listed on e-File applications for Software Developers and States. Please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, your Authorized User role and ETIN to request Form 8849 version 2017v1.0. These Schemas and Business Rules are not valid for MeF ATS or Production environments.

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